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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Stephen Russell,
Plaintiff,

v.

Stephen Walsh, Maura Walsh, Tara Walsh,
Defendants.

Case No.: CGC-20-588105

**PLAINTIFF'S COMBINED MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND SANCTIONS
AGAINST DEFENDANTS STEPHEN WALSH AND MAURA WALSH; REQUEST FOR
SPECIAL MASTER; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

Date: 8/5/2025 Time: 10:30am
Dept.: 610 Judge: Rochelle East

TO THE COURT, DEFENDANTS, AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on the above-stated date and time, Plaintiff Stephen Russell moves this Court for entry of default judgment and sanctions against Defendants Stephen Walsh and Maura Walsh for intentional procedural misconduct, witness intimidation, misrepresentations, and deliberate obstruction of justice pursuant to CCP §§ 128.7 and 2023.030.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

This motion seeks immediate entry of default judgment and punitive sanctions against Defendants Stephen Walsh and Maura Walsh for their egregious, documented, and intentional interference with the judicial process, including threats against counsel, witness intimidation, procedural manipulation, and deliberate misrepresentation of facts to evade service and delay justice.

The Walsh family are billionaires residing on a large gated family compound located in Chappaqua, New York, just down the street from the Clintons. Their extraordinary wealth and extensive resources facilitated and exacerbated their misconduct and obstruction, explicitly supporting the request for maximum sanctions and attorney fees.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Stephen Walsh explicitly threatened Plaintiff's attorneys, including Ned Gelhaar of Enenstein Law, Brian Waller, Joy Llaguno, and Mikayla Davies, resulting in their withdrawal. Walsh's threats specifically included statements that he would "go after their license," causing Plaintiff to proceed pro se.
2. Stephen Walsh was explicitly quoted instructing family members, including Defendant Maura Walsh, to ignore and discard court-issued subpoenas, confirmed under oath by their daughter Brienne Walsh during deposition in the related battery case.
3. Defendants deliberately misrepresented residency to the Chappaqua Sheriff, explicitly denying residing at 394 Whippoorwill Road despite clear evidence proving their long-term occupancy.
4. Tara Walsh issued and filed responses in this case through attorney Frank S. Moore, who simultaneously represented all Walsh defendants in related battery litigation, even as Tara and Maura Walsh falsely maintained they were "unserved" and unrepresented in this proceeding.
5. The California jury verdict (CGC-18-570137), affirmed by the appellate court, explicitly established Tara Walsh's liability for battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress against Plaintiff, directly undermining defendants' credibility and claims in this matter.
6. Journalist Michaelanne Petrella received explicit threats from Tara Walsh, warning her that she was "putting herself in harm's way" for reporting on this case, demonstrating a pattern of intimidation extending beyond attorneys to witnesses and media professionals.
7. The Walsh family initiated the kidnapping of Plaintiff's child Evelyn Walsh as part of a "legacy protection" strategy to maintain family control after Tara Walsh relocated with the child to San Francisco, California. Their substantial wealth and influence have been central to their continued procedural evasion and misconduct.

III. LEGAL BASIS FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND SANCTIONS

The actions of Defendants Stephen and Maura Walsh constitute deliberate misuse of legal process, witness and attorney intimidation, obstruction of justice, and egregious abuse of their extraordinary wealth and influence, explicitly warranting sanctions under California CCP §§ 128.7, 2023.030, as well as the inherent authority of the Court.

IV. REQUESTED RELIEF

Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court:

1. Impose substantial punitive sanctions against Stephen and Maura Walsh sufficient to deter further misconduct and to reimburse Plaintiff's incurred legal costs arising directly

from defendants' bad faith conduct, fully justified by the wealth and extensive resources available to the Walsh family.

2. Appoint a Special Master to explicitly oversee and ensure compliance by Defendants with future court orders, procedural rules, and service of process requirements, safeguarding the integrity of judicial proceedings.
3. Issue protective orders explicitly preventing further harassment, threats, intimidation, or retaliatory actions by Defendants against Plaintiff, attorneys, witnesses, and media personnel.
4. Grant additional relief as the Court deems just and proper, including restitution for financial and emotional harm resulting directly from Defendants' misconduct.

V. CONCLUSION

Given Defendants Stephen and Maura Walsh's deliberate, documented interference, witness and attorney intimidation, procedural evasion, intentional misrepresentations, and egregious abuse of their substantial wealth and resources, Plaintiff Stephen Russell respectfully requests this Court grant default judgment and impose substantial punitive sanctions, appoint a Special Master, and issue protective orders to safeguard the judicial process and deter future misconduct.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Russell Pro Se Plaintiff



Dated: 7/22/25

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgement and Sanctions is hereby GRANTED.

DATED: _____

Judge of the Superior Court